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In re Application of

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For: THERMORESPONSIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS AND USES THEREOF

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Noting the election/restriction dated September 10, 2007 imposing upon Applicant to elect one of several patentably distinct species and also to elect either method claim 20 or 23, Applicant hereby elects a hydrogel structure and method claim 20 without traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that all claims, claims 1-24, read on a hydrogel structure. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully solicits examination of the elected species on the merits.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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